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## College Readiness & Common Core State Standards

- **States' Progress in Implementing Common Core State Standards**

The *Center for Education Policy (CEP)*, a national independent advocate for public education, has tracked states' progress in implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for the past two years. This report released in January 2012 resulted from a survey of deputy superintendents or their designees and includes findings about states' strategies, policies, and challenges during the second year of implementing the CCSS. **Year Two of Implementing the Common Core State Standards: States' Progress and Challenges**

Download files:

[Report](#) (PDF format, 279 KB)

[Appendix](#) (PDF format, 17.6 KB)

## Resources

- **The wiki for The University of Rhode Island College and Career Readiness Initiative is alive and active!** [Link](#)

Updated on a regular basis throughout the remainder of 2012, this wiki space is a place where detailed and specific resources and information can be located regarding the initiative itself, issues and information related to the **Common Core State Standards (CCSS)** and **The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)**, and the world of **college and career readiness**.

See the wiki [HERE](#). *Bookmark for easy and quick access and check back often!*

- **Archived Webinar about CCSS for Mathematics**

- *Evidence & Arguments:  
Lesson Reflection*  
Grades 9-10  
ELA/Reflection

- *Discovering the Properties of Quadrilaterals*  
Grades 9-12  
Math/Geometry

In this webinar from December 2010, **Dr. William McCallum**, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics and head of the University of Arizona's mathematics department and a lead author of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics answers questions about CCSS including the relationship between the Standards for Mathematical Practice and the Standards for Mathematical Content.

[A Closer Look at the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics: Webinar Archive](#)

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## English Language Arts

- **Literacy Implementation Guidance for the ELA Common Core State Standards**

The International Reading Association (IRA) announces the release of a set of guidelines for the successful implementation of the English Language Arts (ELA) Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These guidelines address the need for a link between reading instruction and the ELA CCSS. They provide teachers and educational leaders with recommendations on how to integrate many of the central ideas of the standards into effective practice. The guidelines capture the most pressing issues in clear language, point out their significance for those responsible for implementation, and then offer clear guidance on accomplishing the task at hand. **In each instance, the committee has given bulleted recommendations that address the identified challenge by offering practical strategies for moving forward.**

The guidelines white paper/statement entitled *Literacy Implementation Guidance for the ELA Common Core State Standards* can be seen [here](#).

## Mathematics

- **Will the Implementation of Common Core Math Standards Make Things Worse?**

"I do not believe they will be good for this country."

Barry Garelick discusses his concern for the implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Mathematics. Garelick discusses what he (and others) perceives as an emphasis, not on the content standards, but on the 8 Standards of Mathematical Practice (SMP) with process "trumping" content. Although he concedes that the math standards may be an improvement over existing standards in some states, Garelick believes they are still deficient.

**The Pedagogical Agenda of Common Core Math Standards** [Link](#)

- **States' Progress in Implementing Common Core State Standards**

Drs. Nancy J. McCormick and Marva S. Lucas at Middle Tennessee State University review the following questions about mathematics college readiness: *What is mathematics college readiness? What is the status of college readiness in mathematics? Why is it important? Why is there a deficit? What efforts are underway to address this problem?*

**Exploring Mathematics College Readiness in the United States** [Link](#)

- **Utah Educators Develop Math E-Books for Common Core**

Mathematics educators in Utah with support from the State Office of Education are developing a set of e-textbooks for high school math. The decision was prompted by the increasing frustration caused by the lack of textbooks that reflect the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. The new statewide policy in Utah that reconfigured math courses into a more “integrated” teaching model also factored into their decision.

[Educators Craft Own Math E-Books for Common Core](#)

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